

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
MECHANICAL BOARD**

**1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

**Cranston, RI 02920**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012**

**9:00am**

**In attendance: Dennis Brennan**

**Timothy Byrne**

**Stanley Davies, Chairman**

**Robert Eva**

**Fred Foeri**

**Steven Gray**

**Bobby Joe Harris**

**Michael Januario**

**Jack King**

**Quinlan T. Regan**

**Charles Wright**

**Also in attendance were Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel, and Edward J. Whittaker, Sr. Chief Investigator.**

**The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by Chairman, Stanley Davies. Mr. Davies introduced new board member, Charles Wright.**

**Dispensing of the minutes was held until after the hearings.**

**HEARINGS:**

**1.) Gas Doctor c/o Steven Giarrusso (Violation # 4161): Steven Giarrusso and Edward J. Whittaker are sworn in for testimony. Edward J. Whittaker read the violation. DATE: November 7, 2011; VIOLATION # 4161; NAME OF VIOLATOR: Gas Doctor c/o Steven Giarrusso, 38 Frances Drive; LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 60 Merrymount Drive, Warwick, RI. VIOLATION: On an invoice dated 6-29-11 from the Gas Doctor. The repair work done at the above mentioned address was to "fix a leak on the refrigeration line". Our records indicate that the Gas Doctor is not licensed to work on refrigeration. This is a violation of Rhode Island General Law 28-27-5, "Practice for which master or contractor license required." This complaint was generated from a letter received from the Department of Attorney General, Consumer Protection Unit and the Mechanical Inspector from the City of Warwick, Mr. Stan Davies. One violation at \$500. Total \$500. Testimony is given. A motion was made by Tim Byrne that pertaining to Violation 4161 that a violation of RIGL 28-27-5 "Practice for which master license required" did in fact occur; seconded by Dennis Brennan and passed unanimously by the Board. Charles Wright made a motion to dismiss the fine of \$500.00; seconded by Fred Foeri and passed unanimously by the Board. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Director.**

**2.) Richard Brochu. (Violation # 4152): Richard Brochu and Edward J. Whittaker are sworn in for testimony. Edward J. Whittaker read the violation. DATE: October 28, 2011; VIOLATION # 4152; NAME OF VIOLATOR: Richard Brochu c/o Heat Energy Technology, 1086 Main Street, West Warwick, RI 02893. LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 1086 Main Street, West Warwick, RI. VIOLATION: It has come to this division's attention that Mr. Brochu has been operating Heat Energy Technology without a Pipefitters Master license. The ads on Angie's List do not have a Master Pipefitters number in the ads which is required by RIGL 28-27-5, Practice for which master or contractor license required, "All masters shall carry this license on their person at all times while so engaged and shall affix their master's license number to any advertisement". One violation at \$500.00, total \$500.00. A business card for Heat Energy and Technology is entered into the record as Petitioners Exhibit A. Bobby Joe Harris made a motion to continue the matter and bring Joseph Pendelton in for testimony; seconded by Tim Byrne and passed unanimously by the Board. The matter will be continued.**

**End of hearings.**

#### **MINUTES:**

**Regarding the minutes of the previous meeting on November 2, 2011, Fred Foeri made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Bobby Joe Harris and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**ROGER AYOTTE – Petition to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman 2 exam:**

**Roger Ayotte is present today to petition the Board to sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman 2 exam. Mr. Ayotte addressed the Board. Bernie Treml, Supervisor of Apprenticeship, also addressed the Board. Mr. Ayotte has completed 130 hours of education. Mr. Ayotte is advised that he must complete a total of 288 hours of education before he can sit for the Pipefitter Journeyman 2 exam.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Brennan; seconded by Charlie Wright and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10.01am.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 9:00am.**